

BERGEN NEW JERSEY *County*

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1. Up to 40% of all hospital beds in the United States (except for those being used by maternity and intensive care patients) are being used to treat health conditions that are related to alcohol consumption.
2. Excessive alcohol use is responsible for 2.5 million years of potential life lost annually, or an average of about 30 years of potential life lost for each death.
3. Alcoholism is the 3rd leading lifestyle-related cause of death in the nation
4. 8,000 deaths are annually attributed to excessive alcohol use
5. More than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking, and more than 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol.
6. Alcohol, drugs and driving simply do not go together. Driving requires a person's attentiveness and the ability to make quick decisions on the road.. When drinking alcohol, using drugs, or being distracted for any reason, driving becomes dangerous – and potentially lethal!
 1. Many prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as herbal remedies can be dangerous or even deadly when mixed with alcohol.



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